

REMARKS

The above-identified patent application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's final Office Action dated December 1, 2004. Claim 1 has been canceled and Claims 2-6, 8, 10 and 22 have been amended. Therefore, Claims 2-22 are now pending. As set out more fully below, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-7, 10 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,578,240 to Fortenberry. In addition, Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious in view of Fortenberry. The Office Action also finds that Claims 9 and 11-21 are allowed. In the amendments set forth above, Claim 1 has been canceled, and amendments have been made so that Claims 2-8, 10 and 22 depend from allowed Claim 9. In view of these amendments, it is submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 2-7, 10 and 22 are respectfully requested.

The application now appearing to be in form for allowance, early notification of same is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if doing so would expedite the resolution of this case.

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